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Since the main opposition Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) has decided to submit a censure motion against Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda to the House of Councillors, the fate of bills that were expected to be passed into law during the current regular Diet session is now uncertain. The reason is that once a censure motion is approved in the Upper House, a stalemate in the Diet will be unavoidable. The ruling parties have agreed with the opposition camp to push through lawmaker-sponsored bills and treaties during the ongoing session. In order to avoid a negative impact on these bills and treaties, the ruling coalition has begun feeling out the possibility of carrying out deliberations earlier than the planned.

The ruling camp aims to enact some 20 bills, including one to revise the Juvenile Law, as well as getting Diet approval of 6 treaties. Most of them are not the subject of controversy between the ruling and opposition camps. Three bills sponsored by the DPJ were revised by the two sides.

Returning home last night from his European tour, Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda called in LDP Secretary General Bunmei Ibuki to his official residence, and the two agreed to decide whether the current session should be closed on Jun 15 as scheduled, after keeping close watch on the state of bills and treaties.

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